

special attribute of human society, eminently conducive to slavishness." ¹ The desire to get ease or other good by the labor of another, and the incidental gratification to vanity, seem to be the fundamental principles in slavery, when philosophically regarded, after the rule of one man over others has become established.

The whole group, however, must approve of the custom and must enforce it; otherwise it cannot exist. It appears that slavery began historically with the war captive, if he or she was not put to death, as he was liable to be by the laws of war.

Those laws put the defeated, with his wife, children, and property, at the mercy of the victors. The defeated might be tortured to death, as was done amongst the North American Indians, or

they might be saved from death by the women. Then they were put to help the women and were rated as women. Slavery,

therefore, in its origin, was a humanitarian improvement in the laws of war, and an alleviation of the status of women.

It seems to be established that it began where the economic system was such that there was a gain in making a slave of a war captive

instead of killing him. It follows that slavery, wherever it has existed, has affected all the mores of the society.

It promised great results gratis. It will appear below that it has been

a terrible afrit, a demon which promised service but which

became a master. When adopted into the folkways it has dom-

inated and given tone and color to them all. That is the reason

for giving it a place here.

271. Slavery taught steady labor. It seems to be also right to understand that slavery proved to be a great schoolmaster to teach men steady work. If that view is correct, we must under-

stand that no men would do any hard, persistent work if they could help it. The defeated were forced to it, and learned to submit to it. Then they helped the whole society up to a higher status, in which they also shared.² Von Gotzen gives some proof of this when he states that he and his troop of carriers sat by the camp fire evenings and that one after another told his life. " Nearly all had been, as children, brought from the inner country to the coast by slave dealers. Now. they were proud of

¹ Galton, *Human Faculty*, 79.
121.

² Gumplowicz, *Soziologie*,